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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **ELECTRONIC MERCHANDISE DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS,  
ELECTRONIC MERCHANDISE RECEIVING TERMINAL, AND ELECTRONIC  
MERCHANDISE DISTRIBUTION METHOD**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 124 pages, including 5 independent claims and 19 claims total.
2. Drawings - 39 sheets of drawings containing 55 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA**.
5. Certified Copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-171334, filed on June 16, 2003.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	19	-	20	0	x \$18	
Independent Claims	5	-	3	2	x \$86	\$ 172.00
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8. A check for \$982.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-171334, filed on June 16, 2003.

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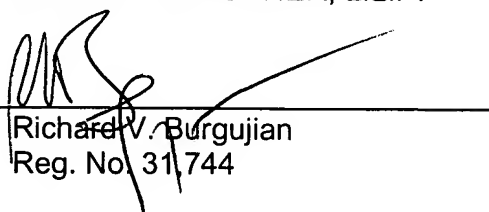
Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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